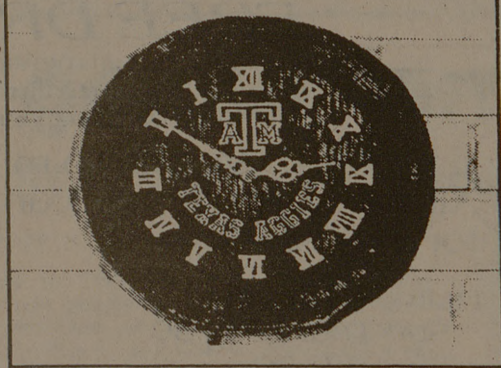


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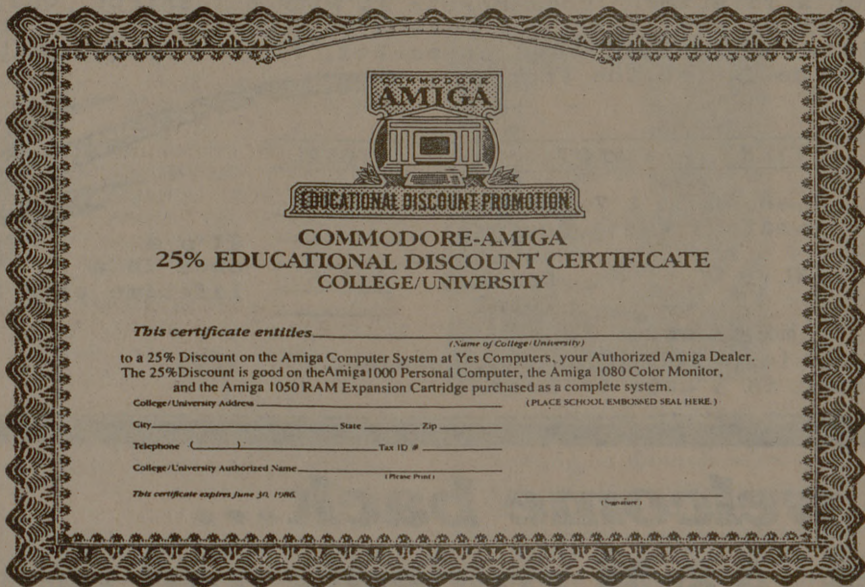


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World and Nation

Reagan says he still feels young on 75th birthday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan celebrated his 75th birthday with prayer and merriment Thursday, saying he is "a little amazed" at the events of his lifetime and still feels young despite a year of health problems and international crises.

The president began his day attending the National Prayer Breakfast at a Washington hotel, where he bowed his head in prayers led by the Rev. Billy Graham and others and listened as Vice President George Bush read greetings from world leaders.

The estimated crowd of more than 3,200 then serenaded the president with "Happy Birthday."

"I am enormously touched," the president said. "Yes, today is my birthday. Seventy-five years ago I was born in Tampico, Ill., in a little flat above the bank building. We didn't have any other contact with

the bank. And here I am sort of living above the store again."

Leaving the hotel, Reagan was asked how he felt.

"Just like I'm 39," he said. Back at the White House, at an Oval Office ceremony at which he signed his economic report, Reagan reminded reporters that indeed he was 75, but added, "Remember, that's only 24 Celsius."

In a more thoughtful vein, the president said that over 75 years, "I'm a little amazed at our generation . . . that our generation has moved from the horse and buggy to a plane that can get to Tokyo in two hours, in a single lifetime."

After the president finished speaking to the audience of about 3,000 people, first lady Nancy Reagan came onto the stage wheeling a cart with a six-layer birthday cake on it. A curtain then parted, showing a huge red white and blue United States map with the legend, "Happy Birthday from all of U.S."

Fraternity in California loses university recognition

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was kicked off the San Diego State University campus for its role in an alleged rape of a freshman sorority pledge at a party, a university spokeswoman said.

In addition, 30 of the fraternity's 110 members face administrative charges, which could lead to expulsion from the university, spokeswoman Sue Raney said.

The action against the fraternity is effective immediately and means it will lose recognition on campus and be forced to disband.

The university is asking Pi Kappa Alpha's national headquarters to remove the charges from the local group.

Delta Gamma Sorority, whose members attended a party at the Pi Kappa Alpha house Nov. 14, was cleared of wrongdoing except for a violation of a state alcohol code prohibiting minors from consuming alcoholic beverages.

Reports indicate violence marks Philippine election

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Reports of violence, cheating, and enthusiastic voters marked the early hours of the presidential election today when millions of Filipinos cast ballots to decide between Ferdinand E. Marcos, who has ruled for two decades, and Corazon Aquino, widow of the president's main rival.

After the polls opened at 7 a.m., both sides reported harassment, men firing weapons in the air to scare voters, stolen ballot boxes, and votes being bought for as little as \$1.

"It's a mess, fraud all over," said Ching Montinola, a press spokesman at Aquino headquarters.

In Albay province, a pollwatcher reported from Luzon that voting in four towns abruptly stopped after

one hour when unidentified men seized seven ballot boxes.

After an eight-hour voting day, the counting begins immediately, but significant results were not expected until the weekend.

Peak hours for voting are usually in the early afternoon, election officials said, but reports from outlying areas described unusually large numbers waiting in line to vote as soon as the polls opened.

The 26 million registered voters are required by law to cast ballots in this nation of 7,100 islands and 54 million people.

There were reports of armed men loitering around or invading polling places, firing automatic weapons to scare waiting voters. But senior military officials, interviewed on govern-

ment television, said things were under control.

Radio reports said a politician was wounded in Bacolod, 300 miles south of Manila. In the capital, workers for Aquino's UNIDO party charged that armed men from Marcos' New Society Movement abducted and beat an Aquino supporter, whose whereabouts were unknown.

Joe Concepcion, chairman of NAMFREL, a 500,000-member citizens' volunteer pollwatching group, said in an interview there was "too much rampant cheating," but that there was confusion in some areas where voters complained they could not find their names on posted lists.

Pastor convinced woman didn't kill children

Associated Press

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Neighbors expressed shock Thursday over the suspicion that a woman had killed her eight natural children and a foster child since 1972, and the minister who performed one of the funerals said he was convinced there was no foul play.

Mary Beth Tinning, 43, was arraigned Wednesday on a second-degree murder charge in connection with the Dec. 20 suffocation of her 3 1/2-month-old daughter, Tami Lynne. The infant was smothered with a pillow, police said.

Tinning was being held without bond at the Oneida County Jail in Utica. State Police Capt. Gerald Looney said she made "statements and admissions" about Tami Lynne's death Wednesday and is considered a suspect in the deaths of her other natural children and an infant boy she and her husband, Joseph, were to have adopted.

Dorothy Posluszny, who lived across the street from the Tinnings from 1980 to 1985, said she was shocked to think that another of the children had died.

"I suspected something was wrong for a long time — but I'm not one to go sticking my nose into my neighbor's business," she said. "I never actually saw anything out of the ordinary with them. They stayed

by themselves and didn't associate much with their neighbors . . ."

Posluszny said that when she learned the Tinnings were to adopt 2 1/2-year-old Michael, she thought "that nice, now everything will be all right."

Michael died March 2, 1981. The Rev. Roger Day of the Trinity United Methodist Church, who performed Tami Lynne's funeral service, said his first reaction to her death was "something is wrong here."

"I went over to the house and I talked to the family and I personally was convinced there was no foul play," Day said. "They just seemed like such a nice family and they just seemed so crushed."

Larry Daly, whose Daly Funeral Home handled arrangements for all the children's funerals, said he thought the deaths were "strange, but not anything where there's any identifiable marks on the body."

Authorities say the previous deaths in the Tinning family were blamed on a range of causes, including cardio-respiratory arrest, respiratory failure, carbon pulmonary edema and sudden infant death syndrome.

Schenectady Police Chief Richard Nelson said Tinning's husband is not a suspect and has been cooperative with police.

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